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UNCLE SAM'S FOREST RANGERS

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1.	ANNOUNCER:	Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers!
2.	MUSIC:	Theme
3.	ANNOUNCER:	Last August a bolt of lightning crashed down into the
4.		Araphaho National Forest in Colorado and, in one fell
5.		swoop, killed 300 sheep. That was a forest tragedy,
6.		spectacular, though unpreventable. Less spectacular,
7.		perhaps, but far more serious is the tragedy of waste
8.		that is taking place in many of our forests today.
9.		Unlike the lightning, waste and misuse of our forests
10.		can be prevented. Conservationists know that forests
11.		can be handled to assure a perpetual supply of timber
12.		and other products. They recognize the necessity of
13.		maintaining our forest resources, of putting an end,
14.		once and for all, to further forest destruction in the
15.		United States.
16.		Now it's time for another visit to the Pine Cone
17.		National Forest. Today we find Ranger Jim Robbins and
18.		his assistant Jerry Quick making an inspection of the
19.		Al Perkins' timber sale area. There they are:
20.	FADE IN SOUND OF	CHOPPING, SLIGHTLY OFF, SUSTAIN
21.	JERRY:	Now here's what I wanted to show you, Jim. This big
22.		stump here, and those two right over there.
23.	JIM:	What's the matter with them? They're cut down below
24.		twelve inches. Good job, I'd say.
25.	JERRY:	Yeah, that may be. But, Jim, they shouldn't have been

cut at all.

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1.	JIM:	Huh?
2.	Jerry:	These trees were never marked for cutting, Jim. Ses
3.		for yourself. There ain't any blaze and U.S/ Stamp
4.		on any of them. They weren't ready for cutting.
5.	JIM:	H-m-m. You're right, Jerry.
6.	JERRY:	These three will make more than a dozen trees that Al.
7.		Perkins is going to have to pay a double stumpage penal
8.	-	penalty on. I've told him so already.
9.	JIM:	Hm-mI can't figure why Al would let his men cut
10.		trees that weren't marked, Jerry. He's always been
11.	1	mighty careful about that What's Al had to say about
12.		16?
13.	JERRY:	He's mad as a hornet. Says he talked with his men about
14.		it, and they deny cutting the trees. And Perkins
15.		sticks up for 'em.
16.	JIM:	But he got the logs, didn't he? You must have scaled
17.		'em Jerry.
18.	JERRY:	That's what's got me, Jim. I never seem to find these
19.		unmarked stumps till after I've scaled all the logs
20.		in the area. The fact that there's no U.S. mark on the
21.		stump makes it look like maybe I was careless
22.	JIM:	Or else that these trees were cut after you'd scaled
23.		in here, huh Jerry?
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1.	JERRY:	Yeah! But, good gravy, Jim, I don't believe Al Perkins
2.		would do a thing like thatcome gack and cut out
3.		more trees after we'd checked an area off. I
4.		I'd almost be willing to take the rap on carelessness
5.		myself. But still, Perkins must've gotten the logs.
6.	JIM:	You say there's been about a dozen cases in all just
7.		like this?
8.	JERRY:	Yeah, that's right, Jim. Frankly, it's got me up a
9.		tree. Perkins has been about the best cooperating
10.		purchaser we've ever had dealings with. But, good
11.		gravy, he's bound to have gotten the logs. No-one
12.		else cound have
13.	JIM:	Yeap, looks like it, doesn't it? Say we're pretty close
14.		to our boundary line here, aren't we?
15.	JERRY:	Year, that's Jed Corbett's land over there. He's been
16.		cutting his timber lately. He's got a little protable
17.		mill over in the next hollow.
18.	JIM:	Yeah, I noticed the fresh stumps and the slash over on
19.		hiw landWell, here comes Al. Suppose we talk
20.		some with him about these trees.
21.	AL:	(COMING ON) Hello there, JimOh, some more of
22.		same, huh?
23.	JIM:	What's happening to your boys, Al? They getting near-
24.		sighted or something?

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1.	AL:	Now you listen to me, Jim Robbins. My boys told me
2.		they haven't cut a single stick of timber that wasn't
3.		marked, and I helieve them, see? I know this looks
4.		bad and I suppose I'll have to pay double stumpage,
5.		but nobody's goin' to make me believe my boys'd do
6.		this sort of thing.
7.	JIM:	Whoa there, Al! You sound like you're on a witness
8.		stand. No one's accusin' you of anything. But you
9.		got to admit, all this looks mighty queer.
10.	AL:	Yeah, it sure does, Jim. This is the first serious run-
11.		in we've ever hee in all our timber dealings. But, good
12.		gravy, man, you know I'm just as keen as you are about
13.		good cutting practices. Every unmarked stump that Jerry
14.		found here was from a tree that shouldn't have been cut
15.		yet. You can tell from the rings that they were all
16.		sound as a dollar and still growing strong.
17.	JIM:	Al, you ever had much dealings with Corbett? That's
18.		his land right next to the national forest here.
10.	AL:	Jed Corbett?
20.	JIM:	Yeah. Didn't he work for you one time or another?
21.	AL:	Yes, he did, Jim. But what's Corbett got to do with
22.		what we were just talking about?
23.	JIM:	What kind of a worker was he, Al?
24.	AL:	Pretty fair Jim. But we didn't part the best of
25.		friends especially, this past summer.

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1.	JERRY:	You mean you had to fire him, Mr. Perkins?
2.	AL:	Yeah, I caught him smoking on the job. Right after
3.		you folks banned all smoking in the woods during that
4.		dry spell we hadBut I don't see what that's got to
5,		do with
6.	JERRY:	Jim, you think maybe Corbett? Oh no, it couldn't
7.		be that, 'cause if the logs were pulled out of our land
8.		and over into Corbett's why there'd have to be skid
9.		trails. That'd be a dead give away.
10.	AL:	Say, you fellows think Corbett might've had something to
11.		do with these unmarked trees? He wouldn't be as crazy
12.		as all that, Jim.
13.	JIM:	I just don't want to overlook any angles, Al. But to
14.		get back to the point you just raised, Jerry
15.		about skid trails. Look up there a waysThe timber's
16.		been logged on both sides of the boundary line, right up
17.		to the line. There's skid trails every which way, up
18.		there,see?
19.	JERRY:	That's right, Jim! A man could skid the logs on our side
20.		until he got up there and then cross over and nobody'd
21.		be the wiser.
22.	AL:	I'll tell you what, Jim. I'll keep a man in the woods
2 <b>3</b> .		tonight. Just to keep watch. 'cause if these trees
24.		are being stolen, it'd have to be at night.
25.	JIM:	That's a good idea, Al, but in the meantime I think

I'll have a little talk with Corbett.

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Page 7 1. JERRY: His mill's just over that next ridge, Jim: 2. Sipose I go along with you fellows. If Corbett's pulling AL: 3. a trick like this to get me in Dutch with the Forest 4. Service I want to have a talk with him myself. 5. JIM: No. Al., I think it'd be better if you didn't go along 6. right now. After all, we don't have much to go on and, 7. well. I don't want to go off half-cocked about this 8. thing. 9. JERRY: Yeah. I can't see how we can accuse Corbett in any 10. event. Even if he had some government logs right there 11. at his mill we couldn't prove it. This timber's all 12. pine, and about the same size on his land as it is on 13. the government's. 14. JIM: Just the same, Jerry, I'm going to take a look. But 15. first I want to inspet a couple of those stumps on 16. Corbett's land. He sure cuts his trees high on the 17. stump. (FADE) doesn't he? 18. PAUSE 19. FADE IN SOUND OF SAW, SUSTAIN 20. JERRY: There's Corbett, Jim. Over by that pile of logs. 21. JIM: Yeah. Smiling, ain't he? Almost like he was glad to 22. see us. 23. JERRY: I wouldn't call that a smile. Looks more like a smirk 24. to me. I don't trust that fellow, Jim. Never did. 25. JIM: Well. Corbett and I never have been the best of friends,

exactly. Had a couple run-ins about fire one time and

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1.	JERRY:	I guess hedon't give a hand about woods fires. Al
2.		fired him for the same reason.
3.	JIM:	YeahHello, Corbett.
4.	CORBETT:	Howdy, gentlemenGlad to see yuh. 'Specially since
5.		we're such close neighbors in the timber business these
6.		days.
7.	JIM:	That's right Say, You got quite a layout here,
8.		Corbett.
9.	CORB:	Yep. Figure to be runnin' here several months yet, 'fore
10.		I get all that timber offWhat you boys got on your
11.		mind, or is it you're jest bein' sociable?
12.	JIM:	Well, Jerry and I were just inspecting Perkins operation
13.		on the government land and being this close we thought
14.		we'd drop by.
15.	CORB:	Perkins, huh? (SARCASTIC) Nice felleryeah, a
16.		nice feller.
17.	JIM:	You know, Corbettmaybe this is none of my business
18.		but it seems to me you're outting pretty heavy here on
19.		your land. You're not going to have any timber left for
20.		another crop, the rate you're going.
21.	CORBETT:	Sure. Might as well clean up while I'm at it.
22.	JERRY:	And I was just noticing, Mr. Corbett, you don't have a
23.		spark arrestor on your mill stack. That's kinda

dangerous, isn't it?

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1. CORB:	I see you're training this yound feller pretty good,
2.	Robbins. (SERIOUS) Well, I want to tell you both
3.	something. This is my lind here, and my mill, see?
4.	I'll run 'em both as I see fit.
5. JIM:	(MILDLY) We're just interested in not having any more
6.	fires run over to our National Forest land again,
7.	Corbett. You've had several fires in the past
8. CORB:	We've been all through that before, Robbins. You've
9.	never been able to pin anything on me so there's no use
10.	tryin', see?
11.JIM:	I guess you're referrin' to that fire case we had against
12.	you back in 1931 Yeah, it was just about ten years
13.	ago, wasn't it?
14. CORB:	Why don't you fellers just sashay along? We ain't got
15.	much in common. I might a know you wouldn't be coming
16.	over here for a friendly visit.
17.JIM:	Well, there's one other thing I wanta mention, Corbett.
18.	There's been some quica goin's on over in Perkins' sale
19.	area.
20. CORB:	Well, see Perkins about that. That's his operation,
21.	ain't it?
22.JIM:	Seems like some trees have been cut down that shouldn't
23.	have been out at all. Not according to the way we mark
24.	timber,

25. CORB: Yeah? Wall, what's that got to do with me?

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1.JIM:	Well, I dunnoJerry, let me have that marking axe
2.	you got in your hand.
3. CORB:	What you aimin! to do?
4. JIM:	I've been noticin' this pile of logs here, Corbett.
5.	Might interesting logs!
6. CORBL	Them logs come off my land. Don't you go putting no
7.	marks on that timer, Robbins. I'm warnin' yuh!
8. JIM:	As a forest officer, Corbett, I've got a right to seize
9.	United states government property. Now this log here
10.	yeah, this big one. That came off national forest land
11.	and I'll just stamp that with a U. S. for future reference
12.	(SOUND OF AXE BUTT AGAINST LOG) There
13. CORB:	(MAD) Look here now, Jim RobbinsThis'll make you
14.	plenty of \$rouble
15. JERRY:	Say, Jim, seems to me you'reuh
16. JIME.	Wait a minute, JerryLet's see now. Yep. This is
17.	a government log, too. I'll just mark it (THUD) so's it
18.	don't get lostNow
19. CORB:	You'll regret this robbins. I'm warnin' yuh. You got no
20.	way to prove those are government logs you're marking.
21. JERRY:	Oh, so they are government logs, huh, Mr. Corbett?
22. JIM:	I'm advisin' you not to saw these logs I'm marking.
23.	Corbett. You're in bad enough trouble as it is, tres-
24.	passin' on government property.

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1. CORB: You'll never make it stick in court, Robbins. There ain't nobody can tell the difference 'tween those logs 2. 3. you marked and the others in that pile. 4.JIM: I don't quite agree with you. Corbett. You know somethin 5. Seems like a prophesy I made back ten years ago has 6. finally come true. Remember what I told you after you 7. got off scot free in that fire case? No. you wouldn't 8. remember. But I do.... 9-CORB: You're bluffin', Robbins. Well, it won't work. 10. willin' to go down to the commissioner right now just 11. to show you up....again. 12JIM: I told you back ten years ago that that fire you set, and 13. let spreach for you land to government land would some 14. day catch up with you. And it has .... 15CORB: What....what d'yuh mean? 1GIIM: That was a bad fire, Corbett. Burned all your land, if I recollect right. We stopped it before it burned over 17. 18. much national forest land, though.... But it sure set 10. your timber back, that fire did. Must have set it back 50. five years or more. 2LIERRY: You mean the fire held back the tree growth on Corbett's 22. land for five years, Jim?

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1. JIM: At least five years, Jerry. It's in these logs here. 2. Plain as day, the history of that fire. The timber you 3. tood from government land, Corbett, came from an unburned 4. area. It's sound timber, sound as a dollar with no trace 5. of fire damage and no loss of any five years' growth. 6. Here, see these logs I've marked. See? Look at those 7. rings. Stick out like a sore thumb against those logs 8. off your own land, don't they? 9. JERRY: Well, I'll be jiggered. 10. JIM: What do you say, Corbett? You still want to go down to 11. the United States Commissioner's office with me? 12. MUSICAL FINALE 13. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers comes to you each Friday over 14. the National Farm and Home Hour as a presentation of the 15. National Broadcasting Company with the cooperation of 16. the United States Forest Service. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24.

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